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SUBJ: VISIT OF EC PRESIDENT FITZGERALD

REF: (A) DUBLIN 910; (B) LISBON 2751 NOTAL

1. IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF EC  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, GARRETT FITZGERALD, LEFT LISBON JUNE 3  
AFTER THREE-DAY VISIT.

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2. DURING VISIT FITZGERALD MET FOR ONE HOUR WITH PRIME

MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES, AND HAD SESSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, THREE OF FOUR MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, AND ALL MINISTERS IN ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL FIELDS. HE ALSO MET WITH LISBON AMBASSADORS OF EC COUNTRIES.

3. ALTHOUGH BILATERAL PORTUGUESE-IRISH RELATIONS COVERED, PRINCIPAL SUBJECT WAS PORTUGUESE RELATIONS WITH EC. FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE DID NOT LIST ANY REAL RESULTS. IT SAID THAT BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED CONCRETE COOPERATION TOWARD DEVELOPING DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL WILL REQUIRE "RAPID AND DYNAMIC" ACTIONS, AND DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETING.

4. IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT FITZGERALD EMPHASIZED EC DESIRE TO AID "EVOLUTION OF DEMOCRACY" AND HOPE THAT EC CAN HELP IN SOME MANNER TO ALLEVIATE PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC COORDINATION MINISTER MARIO MURTEIRA, ON THE OTHER HAND, SAID THAT IN "VERY FRANK" SESSIONS THEY DISCUSSED, BESIDES ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, SUBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED IN ORDER TO "DISCREDIT" PORTUGUESE PROCESS I.E.--SPLIT BETWEEN PARTIES AND AFM, AND REPUBLICA CASE.

5. MURTEIRA ALSO SAID THAT PORTUGUESE PRESENTED "SOME CONCRETE PROPOSALS" FOR COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES IN FAREWELL TO FITZGERALD SAW VAST POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION WITH EC "WITHOUT THIS SIGNIFYING ANY FORM OF ASSOCIATION OR MEMBERSHIP."

7. COMMENT: A. IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT PORTUGUESE PROPOSALS TO EC HAVE YET REACHED CONCRETE STAGE. FITZGERALD FAREWELL STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION THAT ANYTHING REALLY SPECIFIC HAD BEEN COVERED. LOCAL EC AMBASSADORS MEETING AFTERNOON JUNE 4, TO LEARN RESULTS OF FITZGERALD MEETINGS.

B. ANTUNES STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP IN EC MAY DAMPEN RECURRENT SPECULATION THAT PORTUGAL MAY JOIN IN NEAR FUTURE. CARLUCCI

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